


Digital Storytelling tutorials

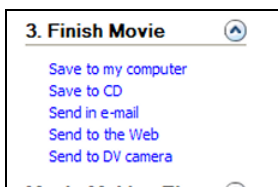
18. Saving your completed project for playback as a movie file

As you create your project you should continually save your project file under the FILE menu or by clicking on the SAVE icon  at the top of your screen.

This does not create your Digital Story however!

Your actual files have not been inserted into the movie at this point. Instead MovieMaker refers back to their position on your hard drive.

Once you have finalised your project it's time to save the movie in its entirety.



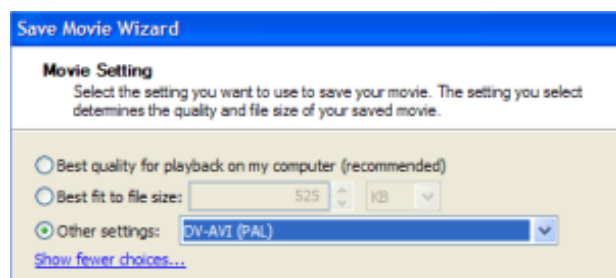
Under Finish Movie in the task pane select where you want it to be saved to.

Usually this will be your computer.

Give your story a name and then browse your computer for the destination folder into which it will be housed.

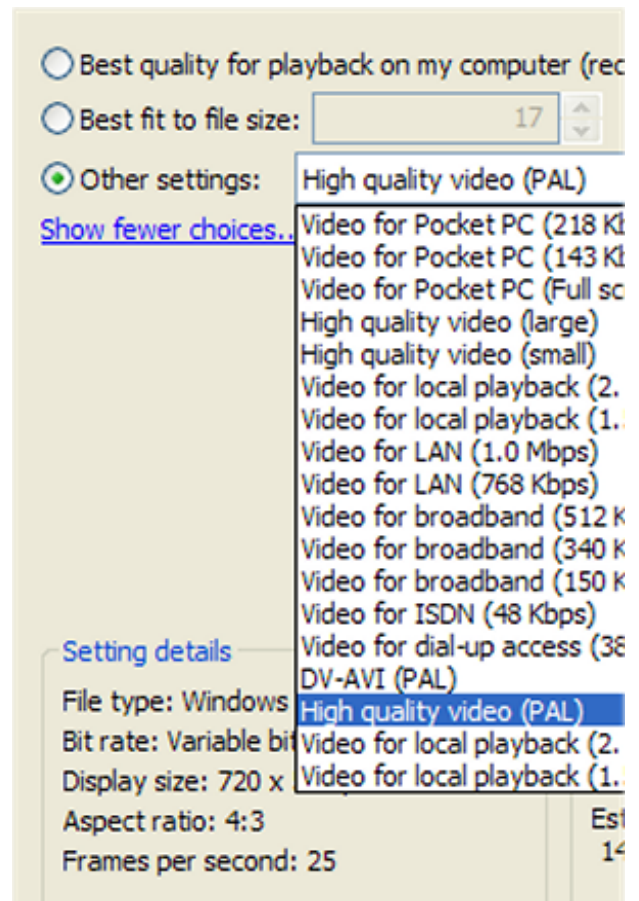
Click OK and continue through the saving process by clicking NEXT. Your file will automatically save as a Windows Movie .wmv file. This can only be viewed on another computer Windows Media Player installed. Check the Microsoft site <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/default.aspx> for the latest version to download free of charge.

You may wish to burn the WMP installation file onto your CD/DVD along with your story, if sharing it with others. If they do not have the relevant CODEC they are likely to have sound but no image.



A range of alternative options are available in the OTHER SETTINGS option. A drop down menu will become accessible.

Think about your audience and how you will share or publish your story. A good option which provides the highest quality but with a large file size, is High Quality Video (PAL).



Playing your digital story

You will always get a better result if you play your movie files directly off a hard drive rather than off a CD. I suggest copying any CD files onto the desktop for viewing and then deleting afterwards if necessary.

Play the movie by double clicking on the file. It should automatically play in a video player from your computer. If this does not happen you may need to download a free movie player from the web or install a CODEC supplied on your resources CD.

Saving to the web

If you choose the Save to the Web option in Moviemaker and you are connected to the internet, it will automatically take you to the QUICKSTREAM website where you can register for free storage space up to 10mb. The resulting movie will be low quality and will have a small screen size.

Burning a CD to play in your DVD player

In NERO select Video CD from the options available.

Drag your completed movie file into the bottom left hand screen and BURN as usual. If you have problems try selecting a slower burn speed or better blank disks.

If you have a DVD burner – try [NeroVision Express](#) - import your video file into NeroVision Express and follow standard procedure, documentation is provided.